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The final game of the final round to determine the champion of the Greater Des Moines Chess League—Fall 2023 between Team Kosokin and Team Sarkic.
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Hello From the Editor

Hello, I am Cassidy Noble.

I am a Class A player and have been playing competitive chess for about a decade.

Inside, you will see contributions from Ben Darr, Tim McEntee, Bill Broich, and myself.



Thanks everyone!

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Upcoming Tournaments

Des Moines Area Chess January Scholastic Tournament. Date: 1/7/2024. **Registration:** Online Registration closes Saturday, 11:59 pm. On-Site Registration, Sunday, 1:00 pm. **Time Control:** G/15;

d5. Students will play games individual games in a Swiss tournament format. Each player will have 15 minutes to make all their moves (G/15; d5). **Location:** The MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex, 6500 Grand Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Park in the main parking lot and proceed into the main (north) doors by the flagpole. The tournament will take place in the Overlook room on the second floor.

Entry Fee: \$20 before December 9, 11:59 pm, \$25 thereafter. **Rounds:** 4 Rounds: Round 1: 1:30 pm, Rounds 2 through 4: ASAP. **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each section. All players competing in their first tournament will receive a medal. **US Chess Membership Required. Director:** Bill Broich 3100 Grand Avenue, Apt. 2e Des Moines, IA 50312 broich01@yahoo.com 515-205-8062. [https://](https://www.kingregistration.com/event/dmacjan)

www.kingregistration.com/event/dmacjan. **Additional info:** Two Sections: Players will be assigned to a section based on their experience and US Chess rating.

15th Annual Holiday Swiss. Date: 1/13/2024. **Registration:** 8:30-9:45am on Saturday January 7th., USCF membership required. On-site. **Time Control:** G60; d5. **Location:** Holiday Inn 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. 515.287.2400. HR: \$105. **Entry Fee:**

Open Section: Entry fee: \$35 before January 13th, \$45 on site. Reserve: \$25 before January 13th, \$35 on site. **Rounds:** 10:00; 1:00; 4:00; 7:00. **Prizes:** Open: \$300 b/20 entries. 1st \$100 2nd \$50 U2000, \$50 U1800, \$50. U1600, \$50. Unrated players are not eligible for prizes. Reserve: Prize info: \$200 b/20 entries. 1st \$60 2nd \$40 U1400, \$40 U1200, \$30 U1000, \$30. Unrated players are eligible for place prizes only. **US Chess Membership Required. Director:** Bill Broich by phone at (515) 205-8062 or email broich01@yahoo.com. <https://www.kingregistration.com/>

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Additional Info: prior to the start of the 1st round receive a 1/2 -point. Byes for all other rounds must be requested 1 hour prior to the start of the round. NO ELECTRONIC SCORESHEETS. No spectators are allowed in the playing hall 10 minutes after the start of the round. Players are allowed to spectate after their game is over. Spectator rules are subject to change.

2024 Iowa Girls Championship.

Date: 1/20/2024. **Registration:** 0800-0830 after 0830 players will receive a 1/2 point bye and be paired for round 2. **Time Control:** G/60;d5. **Location:** Christ the King Church, 325 Mormon Trek Blvd, Iowa City, Iowa 52246. **Entry Fee:** \$25 before 1/19 \$30 thereafter. **Rounds:** 9am - 11:30 pm – 2:00pm – 5:00 pm. **Prizes:** Trophies 1st thru 3rd place U1000, U800, U600, U400, and Unrated. 1st place and the right to represent Iowa if a National Girls Tournament of Champions to be held at the US Open in Norfolk, Virginia on 27 July - 30 July 2024. **US Chess Membership Required. Director:** Eric Vigil by phone at 319-621-3116 or email ev-igil@gmail.com. **Additional Info:** 4-SS Paired Players must be a girl and go to school in Iowa. Online registration ends midnight the 19th!!!!!! If tournament ends in a tie. A playoff will be played, each player will play both colors, G5 d2 until a winner is determined.

2024 Iowa Senior Qualifier. Date:

1/20/2024. **Registration:** 8:00AM to 8:30am. **Time Control:** G/60;d5. **Location:** Christ the King Church, 325 Mormon Trek Blvd, Iowa City, Iowa 52246. **Entry Fee:** \$25 online until Jan 19th \$30 Thereafter. **Rounds:** 9am - 11:30 pm – 2:00pm – 5:00 pm. **Prizes:** 1st place \$70 + trophy and the right to represent Iowa for the National Senior Invitational tournament, the Irwin to be held at the US Open along side the Barber/Denker/Rockefeller/Haring, 2nd place \$50 3rd Place \$30 Winner will have the right to represent Iowa in the Irwin Senior tournament of champions held concurrently with the US Open in Grand Rapids, MI July 27-July 30 2024. **US Chess Membership Required. IASCA Membership Required. Director:** Eric Vigil 319-621-3116 ev-igil@gmail.com. **Additional Info:** If less than 8 players TD will reduce that section to 3 rounds. if tournament ends in a tie. A playoff will be played, each player will play both colors, G5 d2 until a winner is determined. Online or pay onsite Players arriving after 0830 will be given a 1/2 point bye and play in round 2. <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/2024IASenior> .

Des Moines Area Chess February Scholastic Tournament. Date:

2/4/2024. **Registration:** On-Site Registration, Sunday, 1:00 pm to 1:20 pm. **Time Control:** Each player will have 15 minutes to make all their moves (G/15; d5). **Location:** The MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex, 6500

Grand Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Park in the main parking lot and proceed into the main (north) doors by the flagpole. The tournament will take place in the Overlook room on the second floor. **Entry Fee:** \$20 before February 3, 11:59 pm, \$25 thereafter. **Rounds:** (4 Rounds): Round 1: 1:30 pm, Rounds 2 through 4: ASAP. **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each section. All players competing in their first tournament will receive a medal. **US Chess Membership Required. Director:** Bill Broich; broich01@yahoo.com 515-205-8062. **Send Entry To:** Online Registration closes Saturday, 11:59 pm. On-Site Registration, Sunday, 1:00 pm to 1:20 pm. **Additional Info:** Two Sections: Players will be assigned to a section based on their experience and US Chess rating. <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/dmacfeb>.

2024 Iowa Barber/Denker/Rockefeller Qualifier. Three Sections: Rockefeller Grades K-5, Barber Grades 6-8, Denker Grades 9-12. The winner of each section will have the right to represent Iowa in the Rockefeller Barber or Denker tournament of champions held concurrently with the US Open in Norfolk, VA July 27-Aug 4, 2024. **Date:** 2/10/2024. **Registration:** On-Site Registration from 9:15 am to 9:45 am. Individuals registering after 9:45 am will. **Time Control:** All sections, G/60; d5. **Location:** Holiday Inn 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321. Phone 515.287.2400 HR: \$105, if reserved in advance. The tournament will be on the second floor. **Entry Fee :** All sec-

tions, \$25 before 2/9 11:59 pm; \$30 thereafter and onsite. **Rounds:** All sections, G/60; d5 10am, 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, ASAP. Also, if a section has 8 players or fewer, there will only be 3 rounds. One ½ point bye available for each section must be requested before round 1. **Prizes:** • Denker: High School trophies for the top 3 and best U1400 and U1000. • Barber: Grades 6th-8th grade and trophies for top 3 and best U1200, U1000, U800, U600, and unrated. • Rockefeller: K-5 Grade Trophies top 3 best U800, U600, U400, and Unrated. **US Chess Membership Required. Director:** Bill Broich by phone at (515) 205-8062 or email broich01@yahoo.com; by phone at (515) 205-8062 or email broich01@yahoo.com. **Additional Info:** Accelerated pairings may be used if necessary. Tiebreaker: 2 rounds G15 d2 (each player will get black then white) If no winner is determined, then blitz g5 no delay or a winner is determined after two games. The winner will have the right to represent Iowa in the Rockefeller, Barber, or Denker National Tournament of Champions held concurrently with the US Open in Norfolk, VA July 27-Aug 4, 2024. A stipend will be available to assist with travel expenses. (Estimated \$300 based on last year's stipend. 2024 stipend is dependent on the availability of funds in the Iowa Scholastic Budget and the vote of the Iowa State Scholastic Board of Directors) Players must complete all games in the tournament, submit copies (scoresheets) of all their games played, and submit. <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/24bdr>

Upcoming Tournaments (cont.)

Quad-Cities March Madness Chess

Open 2024. Iowa Mini-Grand Prix Qualifier Chess Tournament 3 sections: Open, Reserve and Beginners. **Date:** 3/16/2024. **Registration:** Cash only on-site registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 16. **Time Control:** Open and Reserve: Game 65 5d. Beginners: 20 no i/d. **Location:** W. Illinois University Q-C, 3300 River Drive Ave - Moline, IL, Riverfront Hall/Rooms 104-105. **Entry Fee:** Open: \$30, Reserve: \$20 and Beginners: \$10. **Rounds:** Open and Reserve 4 rounds: 10 am, 1:15 pm, 3:45 pm and 6 pm. Beginners 4 rounds: 10 am, then ASAP. **Prizes:** Open: 1st: \$125, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$75, 4th: \$50. Prizes based on 15 players, otherwise 80% guaranteed. Reserve: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$75, 3rd: \$50. Prizes based on 14 players, otherwise 80% guaranteed. Beginners: Trophies for 1-5 places, 6 to 30 medals. **US Chess Membership Required. IAS-CA Membership Required. Director:** Tony Britton. **Contact:** Rick Rec- tor at rrector1217@gmail.com (563) 940-0179. **Additional Info:** Bring chess sets, clocks. Byes: One 1/2 point bye per player. Last round bye must be requested prior to the start of round 2. Byes for other rounds must be requested 1 hour prior to start of round. **NO ELECTRONIC SCORESHEETS.** Cell phones must be off when in playing area. Light refreshments and pizza provided by Western Illinois University. [https://www.kingregistration.com/event/](https://www.kingregistration.com/event/quadcitymarchmadness2024)

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Des Moines Area Chess March Scholastic Tournament.

Date: 3/17/2024. **Registration:** On-Site Registration, Sunday, 1:00 pm to 1:20 pm. **Time Control:** Each player will have 15 minutes to make all their moves (G/15; d5). **Location:** The MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex, 6500 Grand Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Park in the main parking lot and proceed into the main (north) doors by the flagpole. The tournament will take place in the Overlook room on the second floor. **Entry Fee:** \$20 before March 16, 11:59 pm, \$25 thereafter. **Rounds:** (4 Rounds): Round 1: 1:30 pm, Rounds 2 through 4: ASAP. **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each section. All players competing in their first tournament will receive a medal. **US Chess Membership Required. Director:** Bill Broich; 3100 Grand Apt. 2e Des Moines, IA 50312; broich01@yahoo.com; 515-205-8062. **Additional Info:** Two Sections: Players will be assigned to a section based on their experience and US Chess rating. <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/dmacmar>

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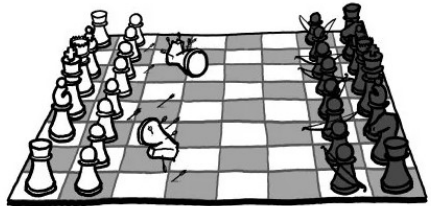
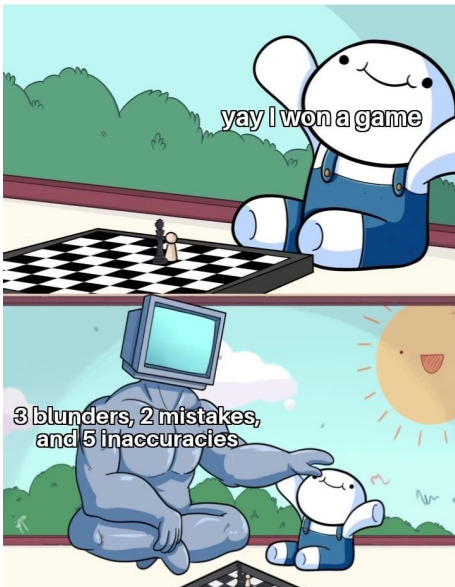
“I don’t play openings I can’t spell.” -Tom Hesse

“Up to this point, White has been following well-known analysis. But now he makes a fatal error: he begins to use his own head.” - Siegbert Tarrasch

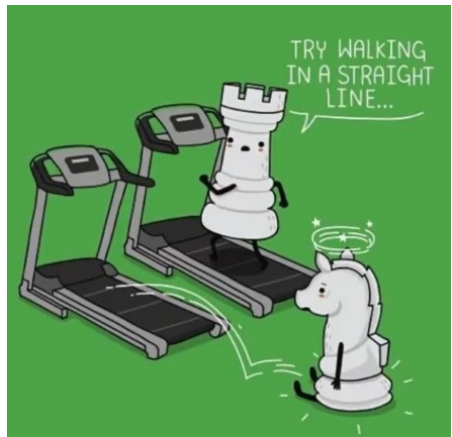
“One doesn’t have to play well, it’s enough to play better than your opponent.” - Siegbert Tarrasch

“My opponents make good moves too. Sometimes I don’t take these things into consideration.” -Bobby Fischer

“If your opponent offers you a draw, try to work out why he thinks he’s worse off.” - Nigel Short



THE AGINCOURT GAMBIT



2023 Louis Paulsen Memorial Open and Dubuque Scholastic Championship

By: Ben Darr

December 16 was a rainy day in Dubuque. But area chess players didn't mind, as they were sheltered inside the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House downtown, and had just settled down for a long winter's tournament.

The scholastic section had 14 participants, eight of whom were first-time tournament players. Vincent Wong took first place with a full 5 points, with his brother Aaron tying for second with Kartik Chugh. Fourth was a tie between Nate Budzisz and Anthony Kuefler.

There were twelve players in the four-round open section. Jasmin Zulic took first place with four wins,

the first out-of-towner to win the tournament since it was restarted in 2021. But the surprise of the day was Jon Snow, who plowed through tough opposition (including this author) to make it to board one in the final round and gave Jasmin a good

run for his money. See below for the final tactic that sealed the deal for Jasmin.

Tying for second place with three points was John Paul Kuefler, while Ben Darr, Mark Thompson, and Logan Miller tied for fourth with 2.5 points. Thanks to all who participated in the tournament, and a special thanks to Ben Bratz for directing!

Crosstables

Open:

<https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202312166752.1-14133594>

Scholastic:

<https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202312166752.2-14133594>



Round four in the scholastic section, Nate Budzisz decides on move in a game against Uri Druvenga, while Lucas Loebach spectates. Behind them, Anthony Kuefler and David Witthoeft play, and on the left, Vincent and Aaron Wong play bring their sibling rivalry to board one.

Bishops versus Knights

By: Cassidy Noble

All through chess history, the debate between which is better – the knight or the bishop – has been an argument for discussion. Both pieces are worth approximately 3 points and both have very different types of moves. The answer to the question of which is better boils down to the frustrating question “It depends on the position”.

There are a couple of general concepts we can apply though –

1. Bishops are good long range pieces and need long open diagonals
2. Knights are excellent blockaders and excellent maneuvering pieces in closed positions
3. In an endgame, if the pawns are on one side of the board, knights tend to be better
4. In an endgame, if the pawns are on different sides of the board, the bishop tends to be better
5. If the knights and bishops are 2 squares away, then each piece is controlling the other

Outside of that, it boils down to the specific needs of the position. Sometimes you want to give up a knight for a powerful bishop, sometimes you want to take off a bone-in-the-throat type of knight for a bishop that isn't doing much. Then again, there are sometimes that the answer isn't so obvious. We will look at each case with the intent of increasing awareness of putting each piece into their rightful spotlight

Case 1: Bishops are good long range pieces and need long open diagonals

There are many openings that try to make use of long diagonals for bishops usually by fianchettoing the bishop behind a wall of pawns to try to target the center/entire board and make it difficult to get to. The Catalan, Sicilian Dragon, and Benoni all make this a staple part of their opening. Off to the right was from a game I played on 3/30/20 from a Benoni. Black's dark squared bishop is tearing through the board

right now. The diagonal is open in the middle of the board and the bishop's pressure can be felt on f6, e5, d4, attacking c3, b2, and indirectly the rook on a1.

That is pretty good for a piece on g7!



Case 2: Knights are excellent blockaders and maneuvering pieces in closed positions



This could almost be two points as they are very different roles. Knights are unique in that no other piece can jump over pieces. Because of this flexibility, they are great at just ‘being in the way’ when the opponent is trying to make progress.

A good example of this is in an Isolated Queen Pawn situation (which may be the discussion point of a future newsletter and an example image

is off to the left). In an Isolated Queen Pawn position, white is trying to use the extra space that the pawn gives them, but if the knight is sitting on d5 threatening to trade itself off and keeping the d4 pawn weak, that is a very strong knight.

Knights are also good when the position is locked up or closed in the middle of the board. Their unique movement allows them to slide into positions that bishops, rooks, and queens have a difficult time getting into. If they are allowed to reach deep into positions, sometimes they are worth a rook or more to dislodge it or get rid of them.

In the example off to the right, this was an English Opening that didn’t go well for white. The knight from b8 maneuvered itself into the d3 square and will be supported with an e5-e4 push soon. Where it stands right now, it is targeting several key squares in white’s position (e1, f2, c1, and b2) and preventing the natural d2-d4 break. This knight has caused so much disruption that white is going to have a very difficult time untangling themselves for the foreseeable future.



Case 3: In an endgame, if the pawns are on one side of the board, knights tend to be better. Knights are better when they can maneuver in tight spaces. This gives them an advantage over their Bishop counterparts. Because of this, if all of the pawns in an endgame are on the same side of the board, they are better able to dictate the action. This also works out well in the knight's favor if the bishop is buried behind their own pawns (considered a bad bishop) or if the opponent's pawns are all on the opposite color of the bishop (for example, the light square bishop and they have all of their pawns on dark squares).



Left: The knight is attacking the bishop on b8 and the pawn on a7, it will win one of them.

Right: The knight is attacking the light squares a6 and d7 and black's dark squared bishop can't cover both.



Case 4: In an endgame, if the pawns are on different sides of the board, the bishop tends to be better. If the board has opened up and there are pawns on both sides of the board, the long range ability of the bishop comes into play. Because of the versatility of the bishop, they are able to change the part of the board they are in very quickly, or if they are in the middle of the board, they can control both parts of the board. This versatility works very well if you have both bishops which is considered The Bishop Pair (making the value of each bishop around 3.5 points instead of 3).



Left: The bishop on e2 is targeting a6 and h5. Black can't cover both pawns.

Right: White has the bishop pair. The increased flexibility allows them to target long range on both colors. This is known as the Bishop Pair.



In summary, knights and bishops provide very different value depending on the position, but if you can maneuver your pieces to be better than your opponent, or if you can create/cultivate a position favoring one piece or another, then you will stand better in your game and make it much easier to play.

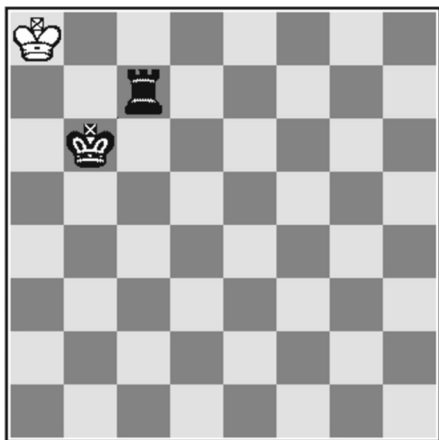
Puzzles

“Chess is 99% Tactics”

Below are 10 problems. How you should approach these problems are similar to games. Evaluate the position, then make your candidate moves. When you are satisfied with your answer, write down your answers.

When you are done, compare it to the solutions at the back of this issue.

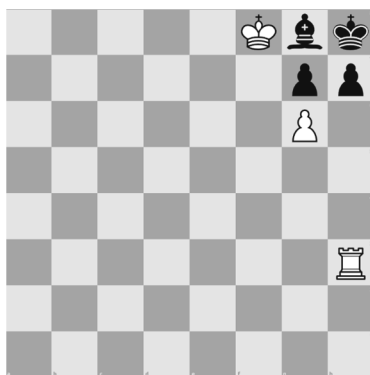
Problems 1-3 are “Easy”.
Problems 4-6 are “Medium”.
Problems 7-9 are Hard”.
Problem 10 is “Very Hard”.



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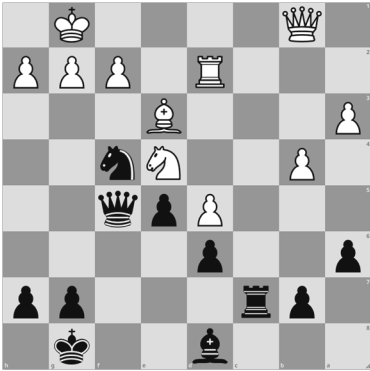
2. Black to Move



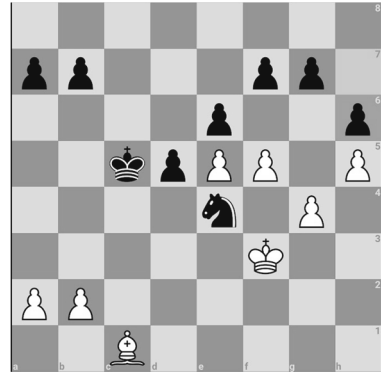
3. White to Move



4. White to Move



5. Black to Move
(submitted by Ben Darr)



8. White to Move



6. White to Move



9. Black to Move



7. White to Move



10. White to Move

Greater Des Moines Chess League—Fall 2023

By: Tim McEntee

At the Iowa Closed in the spring of 2023, several of us discussed having more chess events in the Des Moines area. They were open to playing during the week. After talking to several clubs in the area, I decided it was a good time to have a chess league. I would use the summer to promote the idea and get feedback on what format everyone would like. After several discussions, I realized that people just wanted to play and were not that concerned with format.

Ben Bratz ran a chess tournament over the summer at the MidAmerican RecPlex in West Des Moines. Everyone who played liked the site even if it was a little out of the way. The hourly rate was \$35, which was very reasonable for a playing site.

The next challenge was finding the day of the week which most players could participate. The consensus was that Monday through Thursday was generally acceptable. I could not play Monday nights as I was teaching a 3-hour class. I didn't want to play on Thursday as the Ankeny Club was starting to pick up new members and several members would be playing. I was talking to Ben Munson as to which days worked best

for him and he said he could not make Monday or Tuesday, but Wednesday was fine and thus chosen. Ben has been teaching chess in the Des Moines area since the 1970s and I was happy to accommodate him.

I planned for 6 teams to play with the idea that the first five rounds would be a round robin and the last round would be a playoff where the top two teams square off against each other for the title. The third-place team would play the fourth-place team for third place. The fifth-place team would play the sixth-place team for fifth place.

We went with 4 people per team as getting 24 players seemed reasonable.

I decided to not rate the event as to encourage more people to play and not have to worry about their rating. Also, players who were not members of US Chess could play and see how they perform. There would be several more events in the Des Moines area if they wanted to become members and/or play in rated events.

With this background, I decided to use the States Cup format for the

competition, where everyone on one team would play everyone on the other team. We would use time control of game 15/delay 5 to play 4 rounds in one evening. Over the course of the season, everyone would play everyone else and see how they stack up. Some of the players got to play a master for the first time in serious tournament format.

With the league structure determined, it was time to recruit players. You could either enter as a team or as an individual and then put on a team with the goal of all the teams being competitive. While acknowledging it would be difficult to accomplish with so many unknowns, it was still the goal.

Two teams were entered as a team: Team A (Senad Sarkic, Jasmin Zulfic, Zvonko Zuric, Z Sicanica, Edin Divanovic and Kenan Sarkic).

Team B (Valeriy Kosokin, Volodymyr Baranovskyi, George Eichhorn and Sergey Popov).

Everyone else entered as individuals and were assigned the following teams: What's OTB? (Tim McEntee, Paul Schlueter, Bill Broich and Matthew Morse).

Team D (Luke Miller, Steve Lapinsky, Savir Talasila, Charlie Miller and Landon Miller).

0'fers (Ben Munson, Brent Aronsen, Ben Bratz and Zack Phillips).

Team A+ (Alec Aimdilokwong, Mark Kende, Timothy Harrington Tabor, Granger Carty and Josh Lemon)

A special thanks to Steve Jacobs and Jeff Bratz for filling in at the last moment when someone could not make it.

Each match featured 16 games. The team that scored the most points would be awarded 1 match point and if each team scored 8 points, then they were each awarded ½ match point. For showing results, I listed the board 1 for each team.

Week 1

Kosokin 10.5 - McEntee 5.5

Sarkic 12.0 – Munson 4.0

Aimdilokwong 11.0 – Miller 5.0

Week 2

Kosokin 8.5 – Aimdilokwong 7.5
Miller 10.0 – Munson 6.0
Sarkic 8.5 – McEntee 7.5

Week 3

Kosokin 8.5 – Sarkic 7.5
McEntee 9.0 – Miller 7.0
Munson 8.0 – Aimdilokwong 8.0

Week 4

Kosokin 14.0 – Munson 2.0
Miller 9.0 – Sarkic 7.0
Aimdilokwong 8.5 – McEntee 7.5

Week 5

Kosokin 11.0 – Miller 5.0
Sarkic 8.5 – Aimdilokwong 7.5
McEntee 10.0 – Munson 6.0

Final Regular Season Standings

Kosokin	5.0	52.5
Sarkic	3.0	43.5
Aimdilokwong	2.5	42.5
McEntee	2.0	39.5
Miller	2.0	36.0
Munson	0.5	26.0

The playoffs are set with Kosokin’s team playing Sarkic’s team for the title. Aimdilokwong faces McEntee for 3rd place and Miller will battle Munson for 5th place.

Each of the matches were hotly contested with results not known until the last game was completed.

For the 5th place match Munson was leading 6.5-5.5 going into the last round. They ran out of steam as Miller won the round 3-1 and took fifth place 8.5-7.5.

The 3rd place match was restructured since Aimdilokwong team’s second board was unable to make it. The decision was made that those games would not count in the final standings, making the match a 12-game match. The match was tied going into the last round where McEntee’s 3rd and 4th board won their games to clinch the match 6.5-5.5 and claim third place.

The championship match was everything you hoped it would be. Going into the last round, Sarkic led Kosokin 7-5. This was the only time all season that Kosokin's team was losing. They quickly righted the ship as boards 1, 2, and 4 won their game to lead 8-7. Z Sicanica was playing George Eichhorn in serious time pressure. Eventually Z won the game and tied the match! Since no tie breaks were announced in advance and both teams were exhausted, they were declared Co-champions and received a nice trophy for their efforts.



Above: Photo from the final game

Below: The co-champion team Kosokin
Right: The co-champion team Sarkic
 (Jasmin Zulic not pictured)

Photos by: Jesse Aimdilokwong

Additional awards were given out as certificates for the following players/team

Top Individual: Alec Aimdilokwong 18.5 points

Top Board 2: Volodymyr Baranovskyi 15.5 points

Top Board 3: Z Sicanica 10.5 points

Top Board 4: Sergey Popov 10.5 points

Furthest Travelers: Volodymyr Baranovskyi and Sergey Popov

Best Newcomer: Paul Schlueter 10.5 points

Best Newcomer from Smokey Row: Josh Lemon 9.0

Best Tim's student: Brent Aronsen

Best Team Name: O'fers

Best Fan Support: Jesse and Tammy Aimdilokwong

Lifetime Achievement: Ben Munson

We will have a 2024 Winter League starting Wednesday January 24, 2024. If you are interested in playing or have any questions, please contact Tim McEntee at timmcentee@msn.com



Kuklina, Veeder tie for 14th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic Reserve

By: Bill Broich, NTD, IA

Twenty-eight players participated in the 14th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic Reserve held November 10 -11, 2023, at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. Mariia Kuklina and Cole Veeder went 4-0 to tie for first place.

The following five players finished with three points to tie for second place: Frank Bowers, Denis Dabaev, William Broich, Natalie Springer, and Lucius Coriglione. Bowers, Dabaev, and Springer all lost a game to Veeder.

Three players participated in their US Chess rated event, Brennan Plank, Justin Bulver, and Christopher Nair. Congratulations to all who participated!



Chief TD Ben Bratz awards prize money to Cole Veeder who tied for 1st place in the 14th Annual Des Fall Classic Reserve.

Photo by Bill Broich.



Nadezhda Dabaeva, Mariia Kuklina, tied for first place, Denis Dabaev, tied for 2nd place, and Arina Dabaeva, tied for 3rd place.

Photo by Bill Broich.

Reserve Standings

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts
1 IA	COLE VEEDER 30022342 / R: 1215 ->1391	4.0 N:3
2 IA	MARIJA KUKLINA 31393615 / R: 1073P9 ->1318P13	4.0 N:4
3 IA	FRANK BOWERS 14539176 / R: 1478 ->1470	3.0
4 IA	DENIS DABAEV 31393133 / R: 1406P16->1411P20	3.0
5 IA	WILLIAM J BROICH 12546672 / R: 1400 ->1400	3.0
6 IA	NATALIE SPRINGER 30918290 / R: 1177P18->1283P22	3.0 N:4
7 IA	LUCIUS CORIGLIONE 30163268 / R: 1178 ->1216	3.0
8 IA	ARINA DABAEVA 31393447 / R: 1228P22->1211	2.5
9 IA	JOSH LEMON 31206721 / R: 940P21->1101P25	2.5
10 IL	NICHOLAS JAMES HAISLER 30361290 / R: 403P8 -> 553P11	2.5
11 NE	JEROME W TICHACEK 12014840 / R: 1418 ->1400	2.0
12 IA	Z SICANICA 30709576 / R: 1409P13->1351P17	2.0
13 IA	LOGAN GERARD MILLER 30090637 / R: 1242 ->1216	2.0
14 IA	ANDREW LARICK 31240901 / R: 1076P20->1090P24	2.0

Full Reserve Crosstables can be
seen here:

<https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202311191732.2-12546672>

15 IA	BRENNAN WESLEY PLANK 31476418 / R: Unrated->1042P4	2.0
16 IA	SCOTT JOHNSON 30311301 / R: 960P18-> 974P21	2.0
17 IA	ARYAN VIKRAM 16873980 / R: 740 -> 818	2.0
18 IA	BLAIZE J OLSON 31333460 / R: 659P3 -> 767P7	2.0
19 IA	REX H GRAY 12932129 / R: 1253 ->1200	1.5
20 IA	JUSTIN BULVER 31565889 / R: Unrated->1100P3	1.5
21 IA	NADEZHDA DABAEVA 31393452 / R: 1063P15->1041P19	1.5
22 IA	KEN HENKE 12504958 / R: 1105 ->1026	1.0
23 IA	ALEKSEY GURTOVOY 30174651 / R: 982 -> 934	1.0
24 IA	CHRISTOPHER NAIR 31476400 / R: Unrated-> 722P4	1.0
25 NE	CLOVER HENGEN 31023794 / R: 676 -> 676	1.0
26 IA	MR. LONNIE PHILIP MILLER 30155758 / R: 475P20-> 453P23	1.0
27 IA	PHILIP ALEXANDER STOYTCHEV 15960252 / R: 503P19-> 488P22	0.5
28 IA	TERRY SHAW 12590881 / R: 771 -> 715	0.0

Aimdilokwong, Zulic tied for 14th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic Open Title

By: Bill Broich, NTD, IA

Twenty-two players participated in the 14th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic open held November 10-11, 2023, at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa.

Alec Aimdilokwong (2049) and Jasmin Zulic (1900) scored four points each to tie for first in this annual five Swiss System event. Four players finished with 3.5 points to share third place and the U2000 prizes which were combined -

Valerie Kosokin, Bret Aronsen, Joseph Pregon, and Nick Lacroix.

Six players were in contention for first place going into the fifth round. Zulic upset NM Tim McEntee (2207) to tie for first place while Aronsen, Pregon, and Lacroix all drew to tie for second place. Aimdilokwong had a chance to win first place outright but drew Lacroix in the final round.



Chess players from four different states competed in this event. Sixteen players were from Iowa, four from Nebraska, and three from Kansas, and one from Colorado.

Left: Alec Aimdilokwong tied for 14th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic Open Title.

Photo by Bill Broich.

14th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic-Open Results

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 IA	ALEC DANIEL ATMDILOKHONG 17127332 / R: 2049 ->2069	4.0 N:1	W 12 W	W 19 B	W 3 W	D 4 B	4
2 IA	JASMIN ZULIC 12626843 / R: 1900 ->1926	4.0 N:1	W 20 B	W 3 B	W 19 B	W 9 W	7
3 IA	VALERIY KOSOKIN 15212732 / R: 2227 ->2212	3.5 N:1	W 18 B	W 2 B	D 1 B	W 6 W	10
4 NE	NICHOLAS PAUL LACROIX 14455638 / R: 2090 ->2078	3.5 N:2	W 16 B	W 6 W	W 11 B	D 8 W	1
5 IA	JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGON 15834640 / R: 1966 ->1964	3.5 N:2	W 15 B	W 11 W	D 14 B	D 7 W	6
6 IA	BRENT K ARONSEN 12884231 / R: 1796 ->1885	3.5 N:C	W 17 W	D 4 B	D 7 W	D 3 B	5
7 IA	TIM R MC ENTEE 12298150 / R: 2207 ->2200	3.0 N:2	W 9 W	D 8 B	D 6 W	D 5 B	2
8 NE	LUKE O HENGEN 30728935 / R: 1705 ->1726	3.0 N:3	W 22 B	W 7 W	D 15 B	W 4 W	11
9 IA	SERGEY POPOV 16026648 / R: 1595 ->1628	3.0 N:3	L 7 B	W 20 B	L 13 W	W 2 B	15
10 IA	GEORGE S EICHORN 10308470 / R: 1900 ->1900	2.5 N:4	L 19 W	W 12 B	W 17 W	L 3 B	3
11 KS	SAMUEL MEHLHAFF 30586735 / R: 1639 ->1649	2.5 N:3	W 13 W	D 5 B	W 4 B	W 14 B	8
12 KS	NOAH B BRUGGEMAN 15732892 / R: 1575 ->1587	2.5 N:3	L 1 B	W 10 W	D 16 B	W 13 W	20
13 KS	MARTA E LEBOEUF 17006138 / R: 1336 ->1425	2.5 N:3	L 11 B	W 16 W	D 9 B	W 12 B	19
14 IA	SAVIR TALASILTA 16466625 / R: 1235 ->1356	2.5 N:3	W 21 W	H B	L 5 W	W 11 B	18
15 NE	SIDDHARTH PARTHASARATHY 30762047 / R: 1559 ->1559	2.0 N:4	L 5 W	W 21 B	L 8 W	W 17 B	9
16 NE	MATTHEW KOPPINGER 13061687 / R: 1556 ->1529	2.0 N:4	L 4 W	L 13 B	W 12 W	B W	21
17 IA	CHARLES GOELLER 17243963 / R: 1418 ->1427	2.0 N:4	L 6 B	W 18 W	L 10 B	W 15 W	8
18 CO	JUDE FEE 30832248 / R: 1584 ->1530	1.5 N:4	L 3 W	L 17 B	W 22 W	D 20 B	L 14
19 IA	JASON DEREK BOYD 31033936 / R: 1438P12->1454P16	1.5 N:4	W 10 B	L 1 W	W 2 B	H W	L 13
20 IA	NATHANIEL EVREN ARNOLD 15133642 / R: 1427 ->1434	1.5 N:4	L 2 W	L 9 B	W 21 W	D 18 W	L 12
21 IA	GERALD G HAWKINS 11332684 / R: 1628 ->1600	1.0 N:4	L 14 B	L 15 W	L 20 B	X W	L 16
22 IA	HARISHANKAR KARUNAIKPRAKASAM 31299799 / R: 1350P11->1327P13	0.5 N:4	L 8 W	H B	L 18 B	F W	U

Sixty-One Students Participate in the Annual Iowa Grades Championship

By: Bill Broich, NTD, IA

The Iowa Grades Championship was held at Valley High School, West Des Moines, Iowa on November 4th, 2023. Sixty-one players competed in this event. Grades ten through twelve were combined and there were no players in the ninth-grade section. Also, kindergarten and first grade were combined.

The following players had perfect scores: Leviathan Freerksen, K-1st grade; Darya Gurtovaya, 2nd grade; Tristan Platz, 3rd grade; Nadezhda Dabaeva, 4th grade; Aaron Wong, 5th , grade; Nehanraj Ramesh, 6th grade; James Remes, 7th , grade; and Alec Aindilokwong, 10-12th grades. Players represented sixteen different towns and cities. Fifty players were from central Iowa and eleven players came from eastern Iowa. Congratulations to all who competed.

Below indicates the number of players from each town or city:

Ames	11	Indianola	3
Johnston	7	Waukee	3
West Des Moines	7	Cedar Falls	2
Altoona	4	Coralville	2
Ankeny	4	Winterset	2
Clive	4	Huxley	1
Des Moines	4	Iowa City	1
Cedar Rapids	3		
Denver	3		
		Total Players:	61

Tournament Officials

Chief TD: BENJAMIN WILLIAM BRATZ Chief Assist. TD: WILLIAM J BROICH

Assist. TD: ERIC GOLF VIGIL Assist. TD: JIM S FREERKSEN

Iowa Grades Championship Crosstables

Grade K-1

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
<u>1</u>	<u>LEVIATHAN FREERKSEN</u>	4.0	W	4 W	6 W	2 W 3
IA	17142757 / R: 502 -> 565 Q: 535 -> 587		B	W	B	B
<u>2</u>	<u>NEIL KOTHARI</u>	3.0	W	6 W	3 L	1 W 5
IA	31538033 / R: Unrated-> 447P4 Q: Unrated-> 454P4		B	W	W	B
<u>3</u>	<u>PERSEPHONE FREERKSEN</u>	2.0	W	5 L	2 W	4 L 1
IA	31360731 / R: Unrated-> 198P8 Q: 101P4 -> 202P8		W	B	B	W
<u>4</u>	<u>OSCAR ZULIC</u>	2.0	L	1 W	5 L	3 B
IA	31533519 / R: Unrated-> 155P3 Q: Unrated-> 158P3		W	B	W	
<u>5</u>	<u>HUNTER GINGERICH</u>	1.0	L	3 L	4 B	L 2
IA	31520798 / R: Unrated-> 101P3 Q: Unrated-> 101P3		B	W		W
<u>6</u>	<u>CALLAN KENWORTHY</u>	0.0	L	2 L	1 U	U
IA	31538091 / R: Unrated-> 100P2 Q: Unrated-> 100P2		W	B		

Grade 2

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
<u>1</u>	<u>DARYA GURTOVAYA</u>	4.0	B	W	5 W	2 W 4
IA	30198499 / R: 249 -> 389 Q: 277 -> 396			W	B	W
<u>2</u>	<u>JAMES CORBETT JR</u>	3.0	W	4 W	3 L	1 W 5
IA	31324734 / R: Unrated-> 252P9 Q: 156P8 -> 232P12		W	B	W	B
<u>3</u>	<u>FATIMA GAMARRA</u>	2.5	W	5 L	2 D	4 B
IA	31503311 / R: Unrated-> 154P3 Q: Unrated-> 147P3		B	W	B	
<u>4</u>	<u>LEONARDO GAMARRA</u>	1.5	L	2 B	D	3 L 1
IA	31503299 / R: Unrated-> 103P3 Q: Unrated-> 103P3		B		W	B
<u>5</u>	<u>AKSHITA THIRUMAREDDI</u>	1.0	L	3 L	1 B	L 2
IA	31540619 / R: Unrated-> 101P3 Q: Unrated-> 101P3		W	B		W

Iowa Grades Championship Crosstables

Grade 3

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
<u>1</u>	<u>TRISTAN PLATZ</u>	4.0	W	6 W	7 W	5 W 4
IA	31540585 / R: Unrated-> 816P4		W	B	W	B
	Q: Unrated-> 816P4					
<u>2</u>	<u>MARY LUX</u>	3.0	W	4 L	3 W	7 W 5
IA	31296943 / R: 103P5 -> 270P9		B	W	W	B
	Q: 103P5 -> 270P9					
<u>3</u>	<u>BLAKE SENEAPHAY</u>	2.5	D	5 W	2 L	4 W 8
IA	31540594 / R: Unrated-> 366P4		W	B	W	B
	Q: Unrated-> 366P4					
<u>4</u>	<u>HENRY GINDER</u>	2.0	L	2 W	6 W	3 L 1
IA	31260266 / R: Unrated-> 417P4		W	B	B	W
	Q: Unrated-> 417P4					
<u>5</u>	<u>RONAN D JAMES</u>	1.5	D	3 W	8 L	1 L 2
IA	31538082 / R: Unrated-> 246P4		B	W	B	W
	Q: Unrated-> 246P4					
<u>6</u>	<u>AARON LU</u>	1.5	L	1 L	4 D	8 W 7
IA	31525692 / R: Unrated-> 205P4		B	W	B	W
	Q: Unrated-> 205P4					
<u>7</u>	<u>MOHAMMED ELSADIG ALI IBRAHIM</u>	1.0	W	8 L	1 L	2 L 6
IA	31003713 / R: Unrated-> 105P4		W	W	B	B
	Q: Unrated-> 105P4					
<u>8</u>	<u>EDGAR HOWARD</u>	0.5	L	7 L	5 D	6 L 3
IA	31532713 / R: Unrated-> 103P4		B	B	W	W
	Q: Unrated-> 103P4					

Grade 4

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	NADEZHDA DABAEVA	4.0	W	2 W	6 W	3 W 4
IA	31393452 / R: 1056P11->1063P15 Q: 863P7 -> 876P11		B	W	B	W
2	ANASTAS GUSKAROSKI	2.5	L	1 W	7 W	5 D 3
IA	31538047 / R: Unrated-> 588P4 Q: Unrated-> 558P4		W	B	W	B
3	TANAV KURUGANTI	2.5	B	W	4 L	1 D 2
IA	31391412 / R: 204P9 -> 363P12 Q: 205P9 -> 360P12			B	W	W
4	NAREN REDDY SANGAM	2.0	W	5 L	3 W	6 L 1
IA	31535360 / R: Unrated-> 505P4 Q: Unrated-> 504P4		B	W	B	B
5	NOAH ANDREW KOTALIK	2.0	L	4 B	L	2 W 7
IA	31331687 / R: 444P9 -> 399P12 Q: 474P9 -> 421P12		W		B	W
6	LUKE SPAH	2.0	W	7 L	1 L	4 B
IA	31526079 / R: Unrated-> 306P3 Q: Unrated-> 303P3		B	B	W	
7	NOAH GINGERICH	1.0	L	6 L	2 B	L 5
IA	31520388 / R: Unrated-> 101P3 Q: Unrated-> 101P3		W	W		B

Grade 5

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	AARON H WONG	4.0	W	6 W	2 W	3 W 4
IA	30063754 / R: 665 -> 829 Q: 675 -> 834		W	B	W	B
2	ARRON SINGH	3.0	X	L	1 W	5 W 6
IA	30167452 / R: 1209 ->1166 Q: 1139 ->1097			W	B	B
3	ADVAITH REDDY SAMA	3.0	B	W	4 L	1 W 5
IA	31320329 / R: 579P11-> 630P14 Q: 586P16-> 637P19			W	B	W
4	BENJAMIN GUO	2.0	W	5 L	3 W	6 L 1
IA	30015842 / R: Unrated-> 424P6 Q: Unrated-> 428P6		W	B	B	W
5	THURSTON LUX	1.0	L	4 W	6 L	2 L 3
IA	30647125 / R: 659P19-> 576P23 Q: 670 -> 586		B	W	W	B
6	TANISHKA THARANIPATHY	0.0	L	1 L	5 L	4 L 2
IA	31540561 / R: Unrated-> 101P4 Q: Unrated-> 101P4		B	B	W	W

Iowa Grades Championship Crosstables

Grade 6

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
<u>1</u>	<u>NEHANRAJ RAMESH</u>	4.0	W	4 W	3 W	2 W 5
IA	31163791 / R: 1721 ->1724 Q: 1716 ->1718		W	B	W	B
<u>2</u>	<u>ARINA DABAEVA</u>	2.5	W	6 W	7 L	1 D 3
IA	31393447 / R: 1289P13->1271P17 Q: 1252P13->1236P17		B	W	B	W
<u>3</u>	<u>EMMA CHEN</u>	2.5	W	5 L	1 W	7 D 2
IA	30445032 / R: 1009 ->1029 Q: 990 ->1016		W	W	B	B
<u>4</u>	<u>ABRAHAM WYATT WINTERS</u>	2.0	L	1 W	6 L	5 B
IA	30638182 / R: 664 -> 639 Q: 786 -> 763		B	W	B	
<u>5</u>	<u>JONAH LE GOODHUE</u>	2.0	L	3 B	W	4 L 1
IA	30873738 / R: 454P21-> 527P24 Q: 674 -> 713		B		W	W
<u>6</u>	<u>DEREK DUCHARME</u>	2.0	L	2 L	4 B	W 7
IA	16825653 / R: 524 -> 514 Q: 584 -> 576		W	B		W
<u>7</u>	<u>LINA YU</u>	1.0	B	L	2 L	3 L 6
IA	30578034 / R: 333P5 -> 297P8 Q: 332P5 -> 307P8			B	W	B

Grade 7

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
<u>1</u>	<u>JAMES REMES</u>	4.0	W	2 W	4 W	3 W 5
IA	17044708 / R: 1048P21->1066P25 Q: 1064P22->1082		B	W	B	W
<u>2</u>	<u>NASH WUNDER</u>	3.0	L	1 W	8 W	4 W 7
IA	30917802 / R: 529P15-> 612P19 Q: 544P15-> 629P19		W	B	B	W
<u>3</u>	<u>WILLIAM WEST</u>	2.5	W	6 W	5 L	1 D 8
IA	30673319 / R: 669 -> 666 Q: 721 -> 713		B	W	W	B
<u>4</u>	<u>ARNABH NATHAN SWAMY</u>	2.0	W	7 L	1 L	2 W 6
IA	30655388 / R: 703P25-> 670 Q: 746 -> 709		W	B	W	B
<u>5</u>	<u>RACHEL DEE</u>	2.0	W	8 L	3 W	6 L 1
IA	31324757 / R: 579P10-> 569P14 Q: 585P13-> 580P17		W	B	W	B
<u>6</u>	<u>DRAKE MILLER</u>	1.0	L	3 W	7 L	5 L 4
IA	31533374 / R: Unrated-> 325P4 Q: Unrated-> 350P4		W	B	B	W
<u>7</u>	<u>JP VON GILLERN</u>	1.0	L	4 L	6 W	8 L 2
IA	16825522 / R: 169 -> 174 Q: 169 -> 177		B	W	B	B
<u>8</u>	<u>ZANE JACOBS</u>	0.5	L	5 L	2 L	7 D 3
IA	31540631 / R: Unrated-> 183P4 Q: Unrated-> 189P4		B	W	W	W

Grade 8

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
<u>1</u>	<u>DAVID DEE</u>	3.5	W	4 D	5 W	2 W 3
IA	31324749 / R: 764P9 -> 897P13 Q: 774P9 -> 896P13		W	B	B	W
<u>2</u>	<u>ISHAAN KARUNA</u>	3.0	W	5 W	3 L	1 W 6
IA	31300169 / R: 1201P8 ->1143P12 Q: 1022P12->1009P16		W	B	W	B
<u>3</u>	<u>VINCENT H WONG</u>	2.0	W	6 L	2 W	4 L 1
IA	16217546 / R: 966 -> 922 Q: 988 -> 933		B	W	B	B
<u>4</u>	<u>KEVIN SA</u>	2.0	L	1 W	6 L	3 W 5
IA	30934767 / R: 101P3 -> 317P7 Q: 239P10-> 351P14		B	W	W	B
<u>5</u>	<u>SUSIL BEN M</u>	1.5	L	2 D	1 W	6 L 4
IA	30556919 / R: 406 -> 403 Q: 428 -> 424		B	W	B	W
<u>6</u>	<u>BRODY CHARLES STARR</u>	0.0	L	3 L	4 L	5 L 2
IA	31527011 / R: Unrated-> 101P4 Q: Unrated-> 101P4		W	B	W	W

Iowa Grades Championship Crosstables

Grades 10-12

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
<u>1</u>	<u>ALEC DANIEL AIMDILOKWONG</u>	4.0	W	7 W	4 W	3 W	2
IA	17127332 / R: 2049 ->2049	N:4	B	W	B	W	
	Q: 1791 ->1795						
<u>2</u>	<u>DRAKE CARSON STARR</u>	2.5	D	5 W	8 W	7 L	1
IA	30062876 / R: Unrated->1353P5		B	W	B	B	
	Q: Unrated->1374P5						
<u>3</u>	<u>CADEN WYATT KNOBLOCK</u>	2.5	W	6 W	5 L	1 D	4
IA	30895133 / R: 907P14->1061P18		B	W	W	B	
	Q: 811P24-> 995						
<u>4</u>	<u>ETHAN WAIT</u>	2.0	W	8 L	1 D	5 D	3
IA	31538015 / R: Unrated->1177P4		B	B	W	W	
	Q: Unrated->1137P4						
<u>5</u>	<u>SAVIR TALASILA</u>	1.5	D	2 L	3 D	4 D	6
IA	16466625 / R: 1290 ->1235		W	B	B	W	
	Q: 1274 ->1216						
<u>6</u>	<u>MATTHEW MORSE</u>	1.5	L	3 L	7 W	8 D	5
IA	31538072 / R: Unrated-> 909P4		W	W	B	B	
	Q: Unrated-> 911P4						
<u>7</u>	<u>SEAN GOMEZ</u>	1.5	L	1 W	6 L	2 D	8
IA	30895243 / R: 875P14-> 899P18		W	B	W	B	
	Q: 1037P24->1031						
<u>8</u>	<u>DYLAN JAMES FOLAND</u>	0.5	L	4 L	2 L	6 D	7
IA	30895645 / R: 892P13-> 854P17		W	B	W	W	
	Q: 833P23-> 813						

IASCA Hall of Fame Nomination

Nominee W.S. Gilman

Nominee By: Bill Broich

I previously nominated Lee Edwards for the Iowa Chess Hall Fame. Edwards was the Iowa State Chess Champion six times outright and tied for the title once giving him a total of seven championships according to our records. The next player to dominate Iowa chess was W.S. Gilman, of Sioux City, Iowa. Gilman won the state title six times outright: 1915, 1916, 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1923. The Iowa Champion for 1918 is unknown. It is possible that Gilman won a seventh title, but I am not able to verify this.

William Stewart Gilman was born January 20, 1877, in Sioux City, Iowa and died September 04, 1945, in Sioux City. He was 68 years old. Mr. Gilman and was the son of Daniel T. and Mary Stewart Gilman, a prominent family from New Hampshire. D.T. Gilman moved to Sioux City from New York in 1868.

W. S. Gilman attended Sioux City public schools and graduated from Phillips Exeter academy in Exeter, NH in 1895 and from Yale in

1899. Upon graduating from Yale, Gilman returned to Sioux City and joined his father to work for the Iowa State National bank and real estate business. He was affiliated with the bank until his death. The last few years of life Gilman lived in Winter Park, FL and frequently visited Sioux City for business and social events.

Gilman was very active in the community. He was elected mayor of Sioux City in 1924 and served two terms. He also served as the president of Sloan State Bank of Sloan, Iowa and American State Bank of New Castle, NE. Gilman had a life-long interest in Native Americans and educated himself on the subject and was consider a local authority.

In addition to being a six-time Iowa Chess Champion, he won the Iowa Singles Tennis Championship in 1908 and he and Charles Carey 1909 and 1910 won the Iowa Doubles Tennis Championship. Gilman was also consider a whist expert.

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Qualifying Points for Closed Championship As of 12.20.2023

<i>Player</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
ALEC DANIEL AIMDILOK	42
TIM R MC ENTÉE	40
JASMIN ZULIC	28.5
VOLODYMYR BARANOVSKY	23
VALERIY KOSOKIN	20
JOSEPH JEFFERY PREGO	19
LUKE MILLER	12
NIKO R NIXON	11
NAIR AHSAN	11
IRENE JIAO FEI	11
LUIS M PERALTA	9.5
ROBERT LOUIS REYNOLD	9
ETHAN J COMISKEY	9
MICHAEL VOLZ	8.5
JOHN M DRIPPE	8
CASSIDY NOBLE	7.5
BRENT K ARONSEN	7
STEPHEN PAUL BEAN	6.5
SERGEY POPOV	5.5
MR. JONATHAN REED SN	3.5
JOHN PAUL KUEFLER	3.5
CHARLES GOELLER	3.5
STEFAN PLAETTNER	2.5
BEN J DARR	2
SAVIR TALASILA	1.5
GEORGE S EICHHORN	1.5
THOMAS HESSE	1
MARK E THOMPSON	1
LOGAN GERARD MILLER	1
DANIEL GARZA	1
BRETT ALAN BECKER	1
YUEZE HUANG	0
WILLIAM HART	0
VAUGHN WAMPOLE	0

Because of the shared co-championship between Valeriy Kosokin, Tim McEntee, and Volodomyr Baranovsky in 2023, there is no clear winner to defend the title this year.

As a Result—the top 6 qualifiers will play for the Iowa Closed in 2024.

Puzzle Solutions

Puzzle 1

1. ... Rc8#

Puzzle 2

1. ... Nf3+
2. Rxf3 Qxb2

Puzzle 3

1. Rh6 gxh6
2. g7#

Puzzle 4

1. Kf6 Bg5
2. Bg4+ Bh5
3. Rxh5#

Puzzle 5

1. ... Qxe4
2. Qxe4 Rc1+
3. Rd1 Rxd1#

Puzzle 6

1. Nf6+ gxf6
2. Qg3+ Kh8
3. Be7 Rxe7
4. Exf6 Re8
5. Qg7#

Puzzle 7

1. Qc3+ Bxc3
2. Rd6+ Qxd6
3. Ng4+ Ke6
4. F5#

Puzzle 8

1. G5 exf5
2. Gxh6 gxh6
3. Bxh6 f6
4. Kf4

Puzzle 9

1. ... e3
2. Bxe3 Nxe3
3. Fxe3 Rxe3

Puzzle 10

1. Ng4 Qa5+
2. B4 Qxb4+
3. Bd2 Qxb5
4. cxb5

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*A collection of photos of the
 winners of the Iowa Grades
 Championship that saw 61 players
 from 16 cities compete.*

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